1. SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

1.1 Product identifier

Product Name: UNIPOL ECOFREPS
Chemical Name: Expandable Polystyrene (self extinguishing).
Synonyms: EPS-FR, Flame Retardent Expandable polystyrene, poly(phenylethene).
Trade name: UNIPOL ECOFREPS
CAS No.: None assigned.
EINECS No.: None assigned.
REACH Registration No.: None assigned.

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified use(s): Used primarily for the manufacture of foamed thermal insulation and packaging.
Uses advised against: None known.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the Safety Data Sheet

1.3.1 EU Representative

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E-mail (competent person): a.janssen@unipol.nl
Technical contact: algemeen@unipol.nl

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone No.: + 31 412 643 243
Dutch National Poison Information Centre: + 31 (0)30 - 274 88 88
(only for professional emergency aid personell, in case of calamities)

2. SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

2.1.2 Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 (CLP)

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2.2 Label elements

2.2.2 Label elements


Product Name: UNIPOL ECOFREPS
Hazard Pictogram: None.
Signal word(s): None.
Hazard statement(s)

EUH018: In use may form flammable/explosive vapour-air mixture.
EUH210: Safety data sheet available on request.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210: Keep away from heat, sparks, open flame, hot surfaces - No smoking.
P233: Keep container tightly closed.
P243: Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P403 + P235: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
Product releases pentane, a flammable hydrocarbon.
May cause irritation to skin and eyes.

2.3 Other hazards

2.4 Additional Information

For full text of H/P phrases see section 16.

3. SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Polystyrene (CAS No. 9003-53-6), containing pentane isomers as blowing agent and brominised polymer as flame retardant.

3.1 Polymer

EC Classification No. 1272/2008

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For full text of H/P phrases see section 16.

3.2 Additional Information

See Section: 15.1.1.

4. SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of first aid measures

Inhalation
Remove persons affected by vapour to fresh air. If symptoms persist, obtain medical attention.

Skin Contact
Wash skin with soap and water. If symptoms persist, obtain medical attention.

Eye Contact
Irrigate with eyewash solution or clean water, holding the eyelids apart, for at least 15 minutes. If symptoms persist, obtain medical attention.

Ingestion
Unlikely to be hazardous if swallowed. IF SWALLOWED: Do not induce vomiting. Obtain medical attention immediately if ingested.
4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Inhalation: headache, dizziness.
Eyes and skin contact: redness, irritation.

4.3 Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Unlikely to be required but if necessary treat symptomatically.

5. SECTION 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Product is not classified as flammable, but will burn on contact with flame or exposure to high temperature (see Section 9).

5.1 Extinguishing Media

- Suitable Extinguishing Media: Water spray, foam, dry powder or CO2.
- Unsuitable Extinguishing Media: Do not use water jet.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

This product may give rise to hazardous fumes in a fire. Hazardous Decomposition Product(s): carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, styrene, aliphatic hydrocarbons, traces of hydrogen bromide and bromine can be produced.

5.3 Advice for fire-fighters

Fire fighters should wear complete protective clothing including self-contained breathing apparatus. Chemical protection suit. Keep containers cool by spraying with water if exposed to fire. Flammable concentrations of pentane may accumulate on storage in closed containers.

6. SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Caution - spillages may be slippery. Pentane can form explosive mixture with air. The pentane vapour is heavier than air; beware of pits and confined spaces. Remove or make safe all sources of ignition. Avoid friction, sparks, or other means of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Use only non-sparking tools.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent entry into drains.

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

If safe to do so:
- Small spillages: Sweep up and shovel into waste drums or plastic bags. Transfer to a lidded container for disposal or recovery.
- Large spillages: Use vacuum equipment suitable for use in hazardous locations for collecting spilt materials, where practicable. Transfer to a lidded container for disposal or recovery.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See Also Section 8 and 13.

7. SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Provide adequate ventilation, including appropriate local extraction. Do not breathe fumes/vapour. Avoid generation of dust clouds. Should be kept away from naked flames and other sources of ignition. Extinguish any other fire. Remove or make safe all sources of ignition. Avoid friction, sparks, or other means of ignition. The electrical system should be spark-free. When using do not smoke. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Ensure adequate earthing. Avoid release to the environment. Permission must be obtained from the appropriate Local Authority.
before disposing of waste material.

Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

To avoid the build-up of static electric charge, and also the formation of an explosive pentane-air mixture, containers should be fully emptied when processing. Line velocity should not exceed 8 m/s during normal pumping operations. All parts of the plant and equipment should be electrically bonded together and connected to earth. Electrical continuity should be checked at regular intervals. Antistatic clothing and footwear should be used.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Flammable concentrations of pentane may accumulate on storage in closed containers. Before unloading freight containers, keep doors open and ventilate for one hour.

Keep container tightly closed, in a cool, well ventilated place.

Keep away from direct sunlight and other sources of heat or ignition. Keep away from rain and moist conditions.

Bulk: Keep under inert gas.

Open top tanks should be covered with an open rigid grid.

Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

The electrical system should be spark-free. The product is usually supplied in fibreboard octabins. It is recommended not to double stack octabins.

Specific design for storage rooms or vessels

Storage rooms should be kept cool to reduce pentane release, and provided with a suitable ventilation system to prevent accumulation of pentane. In addition, safety devices to alert any build up of pentane/air explosive mixtures should be used.

The electrical system should be spark-free.

Equipment to be installed in potentially explosive atmospheres should conform to the requirements of ATEX Directive 94/9/EC.

### Storage Temperature

Ambient.

### Storage Life

Stable under normal conditions.

### Incompatible materials

Avoid storing or handling in conjunction with UN Class 1 explosives.

### Suitable containers:

Steel (drums).

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Used primarily for the manufacture of foamed thermal insulation and packaging.

### 8. SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### 8.1 Control parameters

#### 8.1.1 Occupational Exposure Limits

The following are limits for the expanding agent (during the conversion process (expansion) the preparation evolves pentane).

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<th>SUBSTANCE</th>
<th>CAS No.</th>
<th>LTEL (8 hr TWA ppm)</th>
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<th>STEL (ppm)</th>
<th>STEL (mg/m³)</th>
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<td>600</td>
<td>1800</td>
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<td>WEL</td>
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</table>
WEL: Workplace Exposure Limit (UK HSE EH40)

8.1.2 Biological limit value
Not established.

8.1.3 PNECs and DNELs
Not established.

8.2 Exposure controls

8.2.1 Appropriate engineering controls
Use only in well-ventilated areas.

8.2.2 Personal protection equipment

Eye/face protection
Safety spectacles.

Skin protection (Hand protection/ Other)
Wear suitable gloves. Recommended: Impervious gloves (EN 374). Material NBR, thickness 0.50mm, impermeable for solids (e.g. Ribiflex S NB 27 S, breakthrough >480 min.)
Antistatic shoes type S1, S2 of S3 with PU sole or ESD shoes/boots.

Respiratory protection
An approved dust mask should be worn if dust is generated during handling. Type P1 (EN 143) or FFP1 (EN 149)
“nose type” (e.g. GISS FFP1 839959).

Thermal hazards
Not applicable.

8.2.3 Environmental Exposure Controls
European Community and local provisions on Volatile Organic Substances (VOC), are to be fulfilled when they are applicable to the EPS industry.

9. SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

These properties are the most relevant.

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Form
Solid, Small spherical beads.

Colour
White.

Odour
Odourless.

Odour Threshold (ppm)
Not established.

pH (Value)
Not applicable.

Melting Point (°C)
Not available.

Boiling Point (°C)
Not available.

Flash Point (°C)
< -50°C (Pentane).

Upper Explosive Limit (UEL)
7.8% (v/v) (Pentane).

Lower Explosive Limit (LEL)
1.3% (v/v) (Pentane).

Auto Ignition Temperature (°C)
285°C (Pentane) (ASTM E-659).

Evaporation rate
Not applicable.

Flammability (solid, gas)
Non-flammable.

Explosive limit ranges
Not applicable.
Vapour Pressure (mm Hg) Not applicable.
Vapour Density (Air=1) 2.5 (Pentane).
Density (g/ml) 1.02 – 1.05 (1020–1050 kg/m³) @ 20°C (beads).
Bulk Density (g/ml) 0.6 (600 kg/m³) @ 20°C.
Softening Point (°C) 70-75°C (beads expand with evolution of pentane).
Solubility (Water) Insoluble.
Solubility (Other) Soluble in aromatic hydrocarbons, halogenated solvents and ketones.
Partition Coefficient (n-Octanol/water) Not available.
Decomposition Temperature (°C) Not available.
Viscosity (mPa.s) Not established.
Explosive properties Not explosive.
Oxidising properties Not oxidising.

9.2 Other information

10. SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity Stable under normal conditions.
10.2 Chemical stability Stable under normal conditions.
10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions In use, may form flammable/explosive vapour-air mixture.
10.4 Conditions to avoid Keep away from heat, sources of ignition and direct sunlight.
10.5 Incompatible materials Avoid storing or handling in conjunction with UN Class 1 explosives.
10.6 Hazardous Decomposition Product(s) Pentane, styrene monomer, carbon monoxide, (in case of fire or during hot wire cutting). Release of pentane increases with temperature. (beads expand with evolution of pentane).

11. SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

This assessment is based on information available on similar products.

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

11.1.1 Polymer

Acute toxicity
Inhalation The product can evolve pentane vapours, which at high concentrations may lead to dizziness, headache and anaesthetic effects.

Ingestion Unlikely to be hazardous if swallowed.
Skin Contact No data.
Eye Contact No data.
Irritation May cause irritation to skin and eyes.
Corrosivity No data.
Sensitisation No data.
Repeated dose toxicity No data.
Carcinogenicity No data.
Mutagenicity No data.
12. SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

This environmental hazard assessment is based on information available on similar products. This product contains substances which are classified as dangerous for the environment. However recent studies on aquatic organisms have shown that EPS-beads, while containing these substances, do not need to be classified for environmental hazard.

12.1 Toxicity

Aquatic invertebrates:
EC50 (48 h) > 100 mg/l, Daphnia magna (OECD Guideline 202, part 1, static) Nominal concentration. The product has low solubility in the test medium. An eluate has been tested. No toxic effects occur within the range of solubility.

Aquatic plants:
EC50 (48 h) > 100 mg/l, EC50 (72 h) > 100 mg/l (growth rate), Desmodesmus subspicatus (OECD Guideline 202, part 1, static) Nominal concentration. The product has low solubility in the test medium. An eluate has been tested. No toxic effects occur within the range of solubility.

12.2 Persistence and degradability

The product itself has not been tested. In accordance with the required stability the product is not readily biodegradable. The statement has been derived from the structure of the product. It can be largely eliminated from the water by abiotic processes, e.g. mechanical separation.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

The product has low potential for bioaccumulation. Bioconcentration factor (BCF) < 100.

12.4 Mobility in soil

The product is essentially insoluble in water. Expandable polystyrene sinks in fresh water, may float or sink in sea water.

12.5 Effect on Effluent Treatment

Practically non-toxic, EC50>100mg/l, to organisms in sewage treatment plants (estimated).

12.6 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

See Section: 15.1.1.

12.7 Other adverse effects

Pentane has very low Global Warming Potential (< 0.00044) and zero Ozone Depletion Potential.

13. SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Surplus, unused, old beads may still contain residual pentane. Therefore product has to be treated using all the safety measures in place for the fresh material. See Also Section 7.

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Recover or recycle if possible. Remove all packaging for recovery or disposal. Normal disposal is via incineration operated by an accredited disposal contractor.

13.2 Additional Information

Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state or national legislation.
14. SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

14.1 UN number
UN2211

14.2 Proper Shipping Name
POLYMERIC BEADS, EXPANDABLE, evolving flammable vapour (PENTANE).

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)
9.

14.4 Packing Group
III.

14.5 Environmental hazards
None. Not classified as a Marine Pollutant.

14.6 Special precautions for user
633: Keep away from any source of ignition.
Transport or conveyance within the manufacturing premises:
Refer to the internal procedures and information provided by this document.
Transport or conveyance outside the manufacturing premises:
Apply the requirements of the regulations on transport of dangerous goods and the manufacturer’s recommendation on safe loading, transporting, unloading of the material.

14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code
Not applicable

14.8 Additional Information
Hazard Identification Number: 90.
Tunnel Restriction Code: D/E.
IMDG EMS F-A, S-I.

Hazard label(s)
Sea transport (IMDG)
Air transport (ICAO/IATA)

UN Class 9 miscellaneous hazard label.

15. SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

15.1.1 EU regulations
Authorisations and/or restrictions on use
None

15.1.2 National regulations
Not applicable.

15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment
Not available.

16. SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

This Safety Data Sheet was prepared in accordance with EC Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 (REACH), 1272/2008 (CLP) & 453/2010.
Version 1.1 has passed over to be consistent with the msds in other languages.
The following sections are revised or contain new content: 1.4, 2.2.2 and 8.2.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3 and 8.2 in version 1.4a

LEGEND
LTEL Long Term Exposure Limit.
STEL Short Term Exposure Limit.
STOT
Specific Target Organ Toxicity.

DNEL
Derived No Effect Level.

PNEC
Predicted No Effect Concentration.

PBT
PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic.

Flam. Liq. 1
Flammable liquid Category 1.

Asp. Tox. 1
Aspiration hazard Category 1.

STOT SE 3
Specific target organ toxicity — single exposure Category 3.

Aquatic Chronic 2
Hazardous to the aquatic environment Chronic Category 2.


Hazard statement(s) and Precautionary statement(s)

H224
Extremely flammable liquid and vapour.

H304
May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

H336
May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

H411
Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

EUH018
In use may form flammable/explosive vapour-air mixture.

EUH066
Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

Training advice:
Suitable information on safety in handling, storage and conversion of the product should be given to employees based on all the existing information. A DVD on EPS Fire Safety is available from Plastics Europe in 18 European languages. Please contact your EPS beads supplier for a copy.

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No information available.